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Our Own Affairs.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—A representative elected by the people has proposed in the present Council to raise the duty on the cattle to be imported to this Colony \$5 a head; and this proposal, I am informed, passed into a law. Does any one imagine that this increased duty increase the public revenue? I am inclined to believe that such a law will diminish the revenue and raise the price of beef. Mr. Harper, the great cattle trader, has at present in the Colony only two thousand head of cattle; he gains at once by this law \$10,000, and his profit by it will be considerably more, because it creates for him a complete monopoly in the beef market. I have no doubt the proposal was intended to serve the Colony, and it is possible that the wisdom of the House saw in it a reality; but it is less substantial than a shadow.

An increased duty on imported cattle should be accompanied by a property tax and by a reduction of the taxes that press heavily on the miner. We have no foreign market; Cariboo is our only home market. The population there is only half what it was this time last year. Any law intended to increase the price of necessities in the mines, is injurious to the interests of every farmer in the Colony. I believe the farmers of the Mainland are wise and generous enough to say—"Put a little on us and remove a portion of the load from our friend, the miner. If he goes, our surplus produce is waste! Save us by a tax that will save him."

Is it too late to appeal against this law that threatens to destroy us? I wish some popular member would propose to purchase at the public expense a good map of the Colony and present it to His Excellency the Governor. Without it he is completely at the mercy of road contractors. These gentlemen would undertake to make a road to the moon for any Government ready to make payment on account. Roads are absolutely necessary, but they ought to be self-supporting. A road increases the value of the cultivated land through which it passes, by a sum equal to the value of one-third the crop it produces. This is evident; a farmer residing 20 miles from a road pays a cent a pound for packing his crop to the road and his fortunate neighbor by the road side escapes this very heavy indirect taxation. At headquarters they seem to have no idea at all that it is the duty of a Government to equalize taxation.

The majority of shrewd people on the Mainland believe that it is "too late" to retrieve a position lost by the incompetence of our legislators. I cannot agree with them at all. I believe a touch of poverty serves a man, and it serves a Colony too. When the man can get credit he makes a preparation to do without it; he gets rid of superfluities, and keeps no useless servants. In nine cases out of ten the man succeeds. British Columbia is not utterly ruined. She is not in a position to raise large loans to be paid by future generations, and the deficit in the estimates for the present year, a dead certainty, will compel the present system of Government to collapse like a house of cards. In the poverty of the Colony I can perceive a sure sign of national prosperity, and the only sign.

The taxation heaped upon the miner reminds me of Aesop's fable "the miser and his goose." Taxation, the miser. See how it kills! And look at the system that sends the Magistrates away from their districts to act as paid Senators. A paid Senator is always servile, but fortunately it is not always gifted with the ability that enables it to perjure itself. You can perceive that the public money has been wasted in road making through an impenetrable district, while the richest districts in the country remain unimproved. One would suppose that the present system of Government was invented to clear out the white man and restore the country to the native hunters; but this would be like an act of justice, and the intention on the part of our Government to the wants of the native population is so completely the reverse of the wise and generous policy adopted by the American Government with regard to the native population in the States, that we must acquit our own Government of any such design, and attribute the present condition of the Colony to the total absence of business like ability at headquarters, and in the Senate, where the majority are paid to be obedient, and the minority are sick of the freedom that leaves them without a fee.

G. A. K.

PAVILLION VALLEY, Clinton.
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Sidon and Tyre.

From the Land of Israel.

No description can do justice to the squalor and filth of Sidon on a wet day. All of the streets are more than half arched over, very dark, and so narrow that three laden asses cannot pass, with a gutter a foot deep running down the centre. Where not arched, a rotten screen of sticks, overlaid here and there with pieces of ragged matting and wattles, adds to the deplorable condition of the place. Coppermiths seemed the most thriving as well as the noisiest of the artisans, while like everyone else they sit in their shops hammering away on the ground. We turned up a blind entry and then mounted a flight of stairs in the corner, at the top of which a door led to a courtyard, clean and tidy.

The port, when compared with the harbors of classic Greece, must have been a spacious one, and was perhaps enlarged by an artificial mode, of which though not noticed by any writer, we thought we could descry the traces. In many places the old reef had been quarried out till the sea makes a clean breach into the harbor, but this has probably been the work of later times. The jagged, fretted rocks and the sea is full of carved doorways, huge stones still visible where the stanchions of gates had been fitted and strewn with masses of undecipherable masonry. We were struck by the Cyclopean character of the work—immense stones let in, to form the edge of the ancient quays, by the side of which, among and on those ancient rocks, must have been the warehouses of Sidon.

The masses of broken columns on all sides form a breastwork against the action of the sea below; but these remains are so perforated and honeycombed by the water and by the boring shells (pholades), that it is impossible to make out their style. Time, man, and, above all, the incessant dashing of the waves, have so honeycombed rocks, stone works and columns alike, that no clear plan of the style of the building can be ascertained. Such is the harbor of Sidon, the cradle of the world's commerce, the mother of Tyre, Sidon, in the rain, is wretched enough, and what is that to Tyre, in the dry? The filth and squalor of the little city surpasses even that of a Tunisian town.

Scanty bazaars and palm leaves; the streets never less than an ankle—often a foot—deep in putrid mud; dilapidated, windowless hovels, half buried in rubbish—such is modern Tyre. Through these we picked our steps to the shore, where lay a few fishing boats from the navy of her "whose merchants were princes." We ascended to the higher part of the promontory, and from the ruined walls looked down on the wondrous fulfillment of prophecy. For half a mile the sea flows to a depth of a foot or two over flat rocks, covered by one mass of broken columns, leaning or prostrate, in bewildering confusion, as if pitched pell-mell into the water. This is insular Tyre; "the waters have covered her," she is a place for "fishermen to spread their nets on."

THIEVES IN NEW YORK CITY.—The World of February 4th has the following: "What next? The thieves in this city, not satisfied with robbing persons in the streets, in their houses, in their places of business, have taken to robbing passengers on the railroad trains in the coolest possible manner. Only yesterday, a car on the Hudson River Railroad was subjected to an invasion by these creatures, and several persons relieved of such valuables as they had about them. The report of this daring outrage concludes with the words, 'all the thieves made their escape.' Yet this occurred on a populous avenue, between eight and a quarter past eight in the morning. Of course no mention is made of the police; but really we should like to know where they are."

A curious lawsuit is on the tapis in England. A Liverpool merchant, suddenly called to New York on urgent business, took a cab to the steamer, and in his haste forgot to pay the driver. On his return, three months afterward, he found the cabman and cab just where he had left them, sheltered by a little wooden shed, and was met by a bill for coach fare for 1,080 hours by day and 1,080 hours by night. The case is still on.

GOUNED, the French composer, who has been for some time past in Rome, where he is at work upon his great Oratorio of St. Cecilia, was recently presented to the Pope, who asked him to play some of his compositions and was so delighted with the performance that he listened to Gouned for nearly four hours.

An ambitious authoress in Belfast, of the mature age of nine years has written the opening chapter of a novel. Two of her characters are described as "twins, one five and the other six years old."

Thompson Hook once dined with Mr. Hatcher. "Ah! my dear fellow," said his host, deprecatingly, "I am sorry I will not get today."

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FULL particulars of a flagrant outrage perpetrated on the Coast of Alaska by a United States revenue officer "dressed in a little brief authority," appear in our columns this morning. The act seems to be utterly without excuse and indefensible. The J. L. Stephens is an American steamship, sailing under the American flag; her captain was armed with a special permit from the Treasury Department of the United States Government, authorizing him to clear from San Francisco for Sitka via Victoria, and to touch at Forts Wrangell and Tongass for the purpose of landing military stores for the Government troops stationed there. He followed out his instructions to the letter, and was seized by the revenue officer, who was either stupidly exact in his adherence to the law, or was under the influence of visions of confiscation and prize money looming in the future. It is quite true the American law requires that a ship (other than a Government) clearing from one American port for another shall not touch at any intermediate port, except in case of distress; but in the instance before us the John L. Stephens was performing Government service; she carried the U.S. Mail; had on board several army officers ordered to Wrangell and Tongass; was filled with military stores and sutler's goods; the ports at which she touched and landed goods are garrisoned posts; and, more than all, the special permit ought to have secured her Captain against annoyance. But the gentleman, who bears the appropriate name of Ketchum, appears to have thought otherwise. In his ignorance or avarice—perhaps a fit of both—he disregarded the mandate of his superior officer, and has laid himself liable to the severest censure, if not to removal from a position which this act demonstrates he is utterly unfit to hold. The prompt release of the steamer by telegraphic instruction from San Francisco must be a gratifying circumstance to her officers and owners; but it is nowise atones for the improper conduct of the officer, whose dismissal should be immediate as a warning to others not to play "fantastic tricks" on the Alaskan Coast with vessels in Government employ.

If the telegraphic despatches speak correctly, the world is destined shortly to hear warlike mutterings from the seat of American Government. Mr. Sumner, the great Radical leader in the Senate, it is said, is preparing a speech in which he will charge Great Britain with the direct responsibility of prolonging the war and sweeping American commerce from the seas by permitting the escape of Confederate cruisers from her ports. Mr. Thornton, the British Minister, is reported to have said to Mr. Sumner, "This means war," to which the French Minister is reported to have remarked, "It means expansion of territory," which being interpreted, signifies that the Americans will accept all the British North American Provinces in liquidation of their "little bill" for damages. That Mr. Sumner is preparing a speech of the tenor stated, we might be inclined to believe; but that Mr. Thornton should be so silly as to construe the individual expression or opinion of a leading Senator into a declaration of war, or that, so construing it, he should be so incautious as to express his feelings to Mr. Sumner in the presence of the French Minister, overtaxes our credulity. Our readers are not expected to swallow the paragraph unaccompanied by several very large grains of salt.

After the above was in type a third telegram came to hand, from which it would appear that Mr. Sumner is preparing a pacific instead of a warlike speech. The rumor, then, falls to the ground; and there is really a prospect of a peaceful solution of the question.

COUNT Chamberlain, the English minister, has caused the memorable letter which Berruyer wrote to him on his death bed, to be framed and hung up in his bedroom. Beside the letter hangs Berruyer's portrait. The two frames are surmounted by the words—"No less illustrious than faithful."

The following advertisement lately appeared in the London Athenaeum: "Sensation Writer to Let.—A literary gentleman with a river of imagination running to waste, and 'power' to drive the machinery of a sensation story, wishes work for his pen. Address: U. Crash."

An officer of distinction and tried valor refused to accept a challenge sent him by a young adventurer, but returned the following answer: "I fear not thy sword but the anger of my God. I dare venture my life in a good cause, but I cannot hazard my soul in a bad one. I will charge up to the cannon's mouth for the good of my country, but I want courage to storm hell."

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.
LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

Eastern States.
CHICAGO, March 15.—A Republican special says the Senate Judiciary Committee after a lengthy session decided to recommend the indefinite suspension of the Tenure of Office law. It is understood that this is satisfactory to the President.
The Tribune says Gen. Thomas will be assigned to the depot of the Pacific, with headquarters at San Francisco.
Gen. Halleck will be ordered East to a division of the South not yet organized.
Mr. Sumner will soon deliver a speech, taking the ground that England is responsible for much more than the destruction of our ships, that her action swept our commerce from the seas and prolonged the war.

Mr. Thornton, British Minister bearing this, remarked to Mr. Sumner, "this means war." The French Minister says that it means expansion of territory. The matter is making much stir in diplomatic circles.
The Bill to facilitate telegraphic communication between the Eastern and Western side of the continent was referred to the Committee on Commerce.
NEW YORK, March 15.—The World's special says; the Spanish Legation represent to our Government that the insurrection has been kept alive by expeditions from New Orleans, New York and Boston. It requests our Government not to recognize the revolutionists until the arrival of Mr. Roberts the Special Spanish Envoy to Washington. A bill was brought before the House to strengthen the public credit; passed the Senate, 42 to 13.

California.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—Arrived bark Albert William, 128 days from Liverpool.
Sailed, March 14.—Ship Isaac Jeans, Seabeck.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Legal Tenders, 77@77 1/2.
Flour—The City Mills yesterday further reduced their quotations 1 1/2 cents per barrel, and are now quotable as follows—Superfine, \$4 37 1/2 @ 4 02 1/2; Extra, \$5 37 1/2 @ 5 50.
Wheat—The market continues quiet at \$1 45 @ 1 65, as extremes for common to choice.
Barley—Feed, \$1 90 @ 2 10; brewing, \$2 @ 2 20.
Oats—No change in the market; California descriptions, \$1 75 @ 2 15; Oregon, \$2 15 @ 2 25.

Second Despatch.

Eastern States.
BOSTON, March 15.—Gloucester papers state that the steamer the 6th was one of the most disastrous to the fishing fleet ever experienced.
NEW YORK, March 16.—The Tribune's Atlanta special details more valuable outrages in Georgia.
Jas. Fisk Jr. recently offered a million dollars for the New York Times newspaper. The offer was declined.
In the Senate, the House resolution to adjourn on the 26th, was laid on the table.
The steamer Stockton arrived at St. Marks, Florida, from the camp of the Cuba insurgents. She brings an address from the Supreme Junta, asking for recognition by the United States, giving reasons therefor.

South America.
The Henry Channery brings Panama dates to the 8th. The Pacific Steam Navigation Co's fine steamer Santiago, from Valparaiso for Liverpool ran on a rock in the Straits of Magellan, January 25th and sank; all were saved except two sailors and a child.
Many earthquake shocks continue along the Peruvian Coast. Yellow fever prevails in Peru. It is very severe in Arica.
Frequent earthquake shocks are felt in Chile.

Europe.
LONDON, March 16.—A slight shock of an earthquake throughout Eastern Lancashire was felt this morning. No damage.
MADRID, March 16.—In the Cortes yesterday Sagasta, Lopez, and Prim accused two Republican members of making speeches subversive of the government, at an anti-conscription meeting on Sunday, exhorting the people to oppose the authority of the Cortes, and the soldiers to resist their commanders. The violent scene which ensued rendered further discussion impracticable.
In the Cortes yesterday the Republicans moved the introduction of a bill to legalize civil marriages. The government promptly announced its intention to bring forward such a bill without delay.

Third Despatch.

Eastern States.
WASHINGTON, March 17.—Mr. Sherman introduced a joint resolution recognizing the Independence of Cuba. Referred to Committee on foreign relations.
Mr. Howard introduced a bill to grant lands to the Northern Michigan Railroad Co, as extension of the Northern Pacific Railroad.
NEW YORK, March 16.—The Herald's Washington letter says it was the Treasury ring and not the law that rang out Stewart. The law had been a dead letter for years. Mr. McCulloch violated its provisions. Had it not been for the weakness of some of the President's friends, who quailed

before the clamor of the Treasury ring, two thirds of the Congress would willingly have voted for the repeal of the law, which had become absolutely worthless. Senator Sumner pronounced the statement that he intends making a belligerent speech on the Alabama Treaty without foundation. He says that should he make a speech on the subject it will be more pacific than any he ever delivered.
Our squadron in Cuban waters will be immediately reinforced.
ST. LOUIS, March.—A Denver dispatch says General Custer was captured eight days ago while on a scouting expedition; no further particulars.

Europe.
TOULON, March 16.—All the soldiers and sailors of the French army, enlisted since 1862, have been discharged from the department.
LONDON, March 16.—In the House of Commons the Mayor of Dublin presented a petition to establish religious equality in Ireland and pardon the Fenians.
The Government is to bring in a uniform and permanent law of extradition.

New Advertisements.

In the Supreme Court of the Mainland of British Columbia, in Chancery.

In the matter of the Trustees Relief Ordinance, 1868, and in the Trust Estate of Neal Cafferty, deceased.

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE COURT made on the petition of NEAL CAFFERTY, widow of the above named NEAL CAFFERTY, deceased, the CREDITORS of the said NEAL CAFFERTY, late of New Westminster, British Columbia, deceased, are to appear at the Court, at 12 o'clock at noon, to come in and prove their claims before the Honorable Matthew Baillie Begbie, Chief Justice of the said Court, at his Chambers, at New Westminster, British Columbia; or else to stand excluded from any benefit of the distribution of the funds of the said Estate, now in Court.

Dated New Westminster, 10th March, 1869. J. H. E. POOLEY, Acting Registrar. mal8

FOR SAN FRANCISCO DIRECT.

THE CALIFORNIA, O. & M. STEAMSHIP CO.'S STEAMER
JOHN L. STEPHENS
CAPT. C. C. DALL
Will leave Esquimalt wharf for San Francisco direct on Saturday afternoon at 12 o'clock.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
R. BRODRICK, Agent.

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THE CALIFORNIA, O. & M. STEAMSHIP CO.'S STEAMER
GUSSIE TELFAIR
Will leave Esquimalt wharf for Portland at 7 o'clock Friday morning.
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THOMAS RUSSELL,
GROCER & PROVISION
DEALER.
GOVERNMENT STREET
Opp. the Colonial Hotel.
Goods delivered in any part of the City and Esquimalt FREE OF CHARGE. mal7

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Fort Street, Victoria, B.C.

FAMILIES, SHIPS,

AND
STEAMBOATS
supplied on the Shortest Notice, Free of Charge mal7

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Dealer in
Groceries & Provisions,
WHARF STREET. mal7

JOHN WEILER,
FORT STREET NEAR BROAD
HAS ALWAYS ON HAND AND MAKES
Spring, Hair, Wool, Pulu
and Straw
MATTRESSES, LOUNGES, &c.
ALSO ON HAND
Wall-Paper, Carpets, Mahogany and
Brass Window Poles, Win-
dow Blinds, &c.
AND A VARIETY OF UPHOLSTERY GOODS. mal7

Blankets! Blankets!

NOW LANDING EX "CECROPS," AND
for sale by the undersigned.
2 1-2 Point, White, Blue, Red and Green
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Crosse & Blackwell's
OILMEN'S STORES.

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED,
ex "Prince of Wales," in Bond or Duty paid.
Pickles, Salad Oil and Mustard
Table Salt, in round glass jars
Jams & Jellies, and Marmalade
Lea & Perrin's Worcester Sauce,
in pints and half pints.
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SUGAR, No. 1.

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED,
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New Advertisements.

NEW GOODS
EX "GUSSIE TELFAIR."

W. G. JAMIESON,
Watchmaker & Jeweller,
GOVERNMENT STREET,
HAS JUST RECEIVED A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
GOODS, CONSISTING OF
WATCHES, JEWELLERY, SILVER &
PLATEDWARE,
CLOCKS,
In Gilt, Marble and Bronze,
Telescopes, Compasses, Marine Glasses,
Etc., Etc., Etc.
ALL OF THE LATEST PATTERNS

Visitors from Puget Sound and Oregon will find it to their advantage to call and examine his
Large and Well-Selected Stock.
All Goods sold at the Lowest Rates, and every article Guaranteed as represented.
Remember the Address:
WM. GEO. JAMIESON,
Next door to the Colonial Hotel
Government street
mal9 3m

BARK CECROPS FROM LIVERPOOL.

THE BARK CECROPS, FROM
LIVERPOOL will commence discharging at the
Wharf of the undersigned at 8 o'clock this
(FRIDAY) MORNING, March 12.
Consignees are requested to call at our office, pay
freight and receive orders for their goods.
All Goods left on the Wharf after 4 o'clock each day
will be stored at Risk and Expense of the owners.
JANION, RHODES & CO.,
March 12, 1869. Store street. mal2 1w

FOR SALE.

The Lease, Goodwill, Furniture,
Liquors, Bar Fixtures, &c.,
OF THE
CROWN HOTEL,
ESQUIMALT.

THE PROPRIETOR HAVING MADE
arrangements to enter into another business, in a
distant part of the Colony, immediate possession can be
given. This house is well known as a first-class busi-
ness establishment.
For particulars apply to the Proprietor on the pre-
mises.
J. B. THOMPSON. mal2 1w
Esquimalt, March 11, 1869.

NOTICE.

NEITHER THE CAPTAIN NOR
the undersigned Consignees of the bark CE-
CROPS, from Liverpool, will be responsible
for any Debts contracted by the crew of that vessel.
JANION, RHODES & CO.,
Victoria, March 10, 1869. mal1 1w

A VICTORIA VELOCIPEDE,
For Ladies' use,
WILL BE RAFFLED
AT THE
Alhambra Saloon,
Cor. Government and Yates Sts.
AT AN EARLY DATE.

100 TICKETS - - - \$2 50 Each,
To be obtained of
W. FARRON.
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TO KOOTENAY,

Via Colville and Pen. d'Oreille Lake.

ON AND AFTER APRIL 1, 1869, THE

MARY MOODY
Will leave her wharf Pen. d'Oreille City, for Kootenay
and Cabinet Landing, every morning at 6 o'clock a.m.,
returning same day; leaving Kootenay Landing at 1
o'clock p.m.
For rates of Freight and Passage apply to the under-
signed.
J. JOHNSTON.
Kootenay Express,
Agent for British Columbia. mal1

SAILING BOAT FOR SALE.

THE FAST SAILING YACHT
"ALBANY," well known as the Harbor Mas-
ter's boat, guaranteed sound and in good con-
dition.
Apply to
CAPT. COOPER.
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A SEVEN-ROOMED HOUSE, NEAR
the Government Buildings, James' B'y.
Apply to
THOS. ALLSOP, Agent,
Government St. mal1 1w

G. SUTRO & CO.,
Importers and Dealers in
HAVANA CIGARS
TOBACCO,
MEERSCHAUM PIPES,
Etc., Etc. Etc.
Corner Yates and Wharf streets. mal5 1m.

THE SEED STORE, - - - - YATES STREET.
Springfield Nursery, : : : : Cook street, and
James' Bay-Nursery, : : : : Michigan street,
VICTORIA, V.I.

JAY & BALES

In consequence of the increasing demand for their Seeds, and in order to retain the confidence of their customers have grown expressly for this Market and have now on hand
THE LARGEST, MOST RELIABLE AND BEST SELECTED STOCK OF
Colonial-raised Agricultural, Garden and Flower Seeds
Ever offered on this Coast.
Special attention is called to their various GRASS AND OTHER FARM SEEDS, which are now, and for the first time in this Colony, Guaranteed of Home Growth.
A SPECIAL PRIZE was awarded them at Yale, and Honorary Certificate at Victoria Agricultural Shows of 1868 for samples of the above.
J. & B. have on the way from Europe, overland, many Useful and Ornamental Novelties for amateur and professional Gardeners.
FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES, Garden and House Plants, Bulbs and other Nursery Stock securely packed for travel, Catalogues at the Store and Nurseries, as usual. fe3 d&w

New Advertisements.

Scotch House.

A. M'LEAN & CO.
Beg to intimate that their STOCK is now Complete, with a
[LARGE AND CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF]
Clothing, Underclothing, Hosiery,
GLOVES & HATS of every Description.
—ALSO—
BOYS' CLOTHING AND UNDERCLOTHING
All of which are Imported direct, and which they offer remarkably Cheap. des

To Visitors from California, Oregon,
the Sound, &c.

VICTORIA HOUSE,

CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS,
VICTORIA, V.I.

[Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of
Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &c.
At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles
The Goods being Imported from Europe by Express Monthly.
The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:
White and Printed Calicos, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &c., &c., also on
Hand in Great Variety.
fe27 Wm. DENNY, Manager.

Victoria Nursery & Seed Establishment.

MITCHELL & JOHNSTON
Offer for sale a full assortment of
New Seeds for the Farm and Garden,
The bulk grown by themselves and harvested in prime condition.
The stock of Grasses, Clovers, Lucerne, Trefoil, Turnips, Rape, Mangolds,
Carrots, &c., is the most complete, choice and extensive ever offered in this Colony
Of Garden and Vegetable Seeds, the selection [including all the best kinds in
cultivation] is unrivalled, and of
FLOWER SEEDS
Only the most beautiful kinds have been grown.
Just received per "Prince of Wales,"
Garden Ironmongery, Saynor's Cutlery, Iron Hand-Lights, Flower Pots, &c.
Printed Catalogues to be had at the SEED STORE, Occidental Buildings, Fort
street, or at NURSERY GROUNDS, Fort street. mal2 1w 3m&d&w

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For Kootenay, Perry Creek, and
intermediate Stations of Semil-
kameen, Karamais, Osoyoos
Lake, Rock Creek and Fort
Shepherd.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING MADE
arrangements with BARNARD'S EXPRESS for the
conveyance of matter over their route, their offices
throughout British Columbia will receive Letters, par-
cels, &c., which will be forwarded regularly twice each
month. An Express will be dispatched from the Vic-
toria office every alternate Friday. Through trip in about
18 days.
The First Express under this arrangement will leave
Victoria on Friday, 12th inst.
Collections, Commissions, and all business in the Ex-
press line punctually attended to.
mal9 3m JOHN JOHNSTON.

BASS' DRAUGHT ALE.

CONSIGNMENTS OF SUPERIOR SHIR-
ries, Brandy, Whiskies, Gins, and Ales and Porters
in quarts and pints.
In Bond or duty paid For Sale by
J. L. FISHER,
Cor. Wharf and Fort streets. mal9 1m.

Lumley Franklin,

AUCTIONEER, COMMISSION &
REAL ESTATE AGENT
BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS
taken the Fireproof Brick Building in Yates street,
nearly opposite Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express
office. Having had eleven years' experience in the auc-
tion business, he respectfully solicits a renewal of public
support. mal3

J. L. FISHER,

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REFERS TO
Messrs. Sprout & Co., Messrs. Dickson, Campbell & Co.,
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GREAT REDUCTION!

TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT.
ENCOURAGE
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THE UNDERSIGNED TAKES PLEA-
sure in announcing a Great Reduction in the Retail
Prices of his
CANDIES, ALMONDS,
Gum Drops Tondant's Cor-
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Burned Almonds.
And all other kinds without end, will be sold at 75 cents
WHOLESALE PRICES TO CORRESPOND.
CHEAPER THAN IN SAN FRANCISCO.
A. W. PIPER,
Government street. mal10 1m

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Thursday Morning, March 18, 1869.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

March 17.—Ship Matilda, Wharton, Burrard Inlet.
 Slip 1st, McKinnon, San Juan.

CLEARED.

March 17.—Ship Prince of Wales, Adamson, London.
 Slip 1st, McKinnon, San Juan.

SHIPPERS.

Per PRINCE OF WALES.—Hudson Bay Co., Officer in charge of Navy Yard, Esquimalt, H. Nathan, Jr., Sprout & Co., J. J. Southgate, W. J. McDonald, Janitor, Rhodes & Co., Langley & Co., T. J. Stahnschmidt, A. J. Tolmie, W. T. Tolmie, Bank Building, North America, Governor British Columbia, sundries.

EXPORTS.

Per PRINCE OF WALES, for London—456 pkgs furs, 573 pkgs oil, 13 casks, 10 pkgs wool, 349 pkgs hardware, 545 pkgs Government stores, 43 pkgs under, 2 drugs, 1 cask private effects, 4 casks silver, 29,832 feet lumber, 1 log cedar, 1 box gold dust, 24 pkgs addressed. Valued at \$174,927.18.

The J. L. Stephens at Nainaimo—Latter News from Alaska—Dates to the 16th inst.—The Stephens Seized by the Revenue Department.

The steamer Enterprise returned from Nainaimo at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, bringing as passengers Capt. C. C. Dall, of the steamship John L. Stephens, Lieut. Eagan, U.S.A., Mr. D. Turner, of Wells, Fargo & Co., Messrs. J. Boscowitz, C. A. Gillingham, J. Young, Pilot Savarovich and several others. The steamship John L. Stephens reached Nainaimo on Tuesday at 2 o'clock, p.m., having made the run from Sitka in 72 hours—the best time yet accomplished between the two ports. She remains at Nainaimo to coal. The steamer is in the custody of the U.S. Revenue Department, she having been seized at Sitka by Mr. Ketchum, Special Agent of the Treasury Department for Alaska Territory, upon a charge of an infraction of the revenue laws, in having landed goods at Fort Wrangel in violation of an Act of Congress forbidding ships sailing from San Francisco to Alaska Territory touching at any port of the said Territory without first entering at the port of Sitka.

It appears that Mr. Holladay, President of the C. O. & M. S. S. Co., being aware of the Act, received a special permit from the Secretary of the Treasury, directing General Miller, Collector of the port of San Francisco, to clear the steamship John L. Stephens for Sitka, via Victoria, Nainaimo, Fort Tongass and Fort Wrangel, with the privilege of landing goods at the two last named points before proceeding to Sitka. Upon the arrival of the ship at Fort Wrangel, Mr. Ketchum, who chanced to be at that place on Government business, came aboard and introduced himself to Capt. Dall as Collector of Customs for Alaska Territory, and asked for the ship's papers, which were handed him. He was informed that supplies for the troops had been landed from the steamer at Tongass; and was shown the ship's special permit to do so. Upon consultation with Lieut. Moore, Collector at Wrangel, Mr. Ketchum informed Capt. Dall that all was right, and allowed him to land his freight there. Mr. Ketchum then went on to Wrangel as passenger, and was charged \$25 fare, to which he demurred, making the remark that Collectors should be carried free.

After arriving at Sitka, a delay of one day and a half occurred before Mr. Ketchum would allow the ship to enter, thus delaying the landing of freight and Government stores. As soon as the steamer had been entered, an order was sent to the Captain of the Revenue Cutter Reliance to seize the Stephens with an armed force, which was done—a detachment boarding her with firearms and cutlasses. Capt. Dall asked Mr. Ketchum in writing upon what ground the steamer was seized? Mr. Ketchum returned no answer, but stated on shore that he would make \$20,000 by the seizure. The army officers were put to great inconvenience, not being allowed to land their personal baggage without a permit.

Having discharged freight, the steamer was ordered to Portland—a revenue officer and two men being placed on board. Capt. Dall, not having sufficient coal to carry him to Portland, put in at Nainaimo, and immediately upon his arrival here yesterday, telegraphed to San Francisco for instructions.

Intense indignation was expressed by the Alaskians at the conduct of Mr. Ketchum, who, among other things, seized a package of candy from San Francisco—weighing two pounds and intended as a present to a lady—and forced the purser to pay a duty of two bits, upon the mere suspicion that the candy came from Victoria!

The G. S. Wright arrived at Sitka upon the same evening as the Stephens. The army officers who went up by her held a court-martial upon an officer. The decision was not made known.

The Wright left Sitka two days before the Stephens, but was to call at Forts Wrangle and Tongass.

The U. S. S. Saginaw was to sail from Sitka in a few days for Victoria.

On Tuesday the Stephens passed the steamer Otter, bound for Queen Charlotte Island, 40 miles to the north of Nainaimo, also a schooner bound North. On the day previous, saw a sloop going into Fort Rupert. Business was very dull at Alaska. Indians quiet.

Bankruptcy Court.

Wednesday, March 17, 1869.

Estate of Mason & Balls—Dr. Tuzo's claim supported as against Balls; dividend in the estate of Balls to be declared next Wednesday.

Monro & Mann—Petitioner Monro to come up for examination on the 31st of March.

ASSAULT IN LEVY'S OYSTER SALOON.—Yesterday morning two men, giving the names of Geary and Martin, were brought before Mr. Pemberton upon a charge of having created a disturbance in the oyster saloon of Mr. E. Levy. Mr. H. C. Courtney appeared for the defence. The complaining witness deposed that the men were in company with Joe Eden and that one of them attempted to enter a private room of the saloon; when remonstrated with, they called witness infamous names, threw a pitcher at him and pelted him with pastry. "Billy" Barlow, the well-known Jehu, who happened to be present and witnessed the proceedings, gave his evidence in a laughable manner. He said:

One of these men tried to go into a private room of Mister Levi's, and he wouldn't let him. Den the man he say "I've got von bistol," and den I tort I wanted to go out (a laugh). Vell, den, he calls Mr. Levy pad names and trowed gakes and everyting all 'round to room; and den I wanted to go out agen, but I stayed (renewed merriment). Vell, den, do tell feller [Martin] call Levy pad names, and Levy never said notting; I didn't see him [Levy] take up a knife; but he took up a lot of knives and forks mit spoons I wanted to go 'way (roars of laughter). Vell, den, do tell feller he trowed a bittcher at Levy, and den I wanted to go out agen, and dis time I vent. (Renewed laughter). I called a boliceman and they were sticked in (put in gaul) for dat.

Barlow retired amid prolonged merriment. "Joe" Eden, called for the defence, swore that Levy commenced the affray by throwing one of the prisoners out of the private room; that the man called Levy names; that the latter ran behind the bar and took up a big knife; that the men throw cakes at him (Levy) who then ran away.

After a patient hearing and an able address from Mr. Courtney in behalf of his clients, Mr. Pemberton fined Martin \$30 and Geary \$5.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—Yesterday was the anniversary of the birth of Ireland's Patron Saint. Several flags were thrown to the breeze in honor of the day. At 11 o'clock yesterday morning Bishop Demers performed a Pontifical High Mass at the Catholic Cathedral, and a sermon upon the character of the Saint was delivered by Rev. Father Carley to a large congregation.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.—The Enterprise will sail at 9 o'clock this morning for Nainaimo with Capt. Dall, who will then resume command of his steamer and bring her into Esquimalt, whence she will sail for San Francisco at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The Gustie Telfair is expected to arrive from the Sound to-day, and to leave for Portland at 7 to-morrow morning.

MR. JOHN KRIEMER has received a letter from the Swiss Consul at San Francisco, thanking him and his fellow countrymen resident in this Colony for their generous contributions in aid of the Swiss who were rendered beggars by the disastrous floods of last spring. From San Francisco \$7,800 have been forwarded to the relief of the distressed people.

FOR LONDON.—The Hudson Bay Co.'s ship Prince of Wales sailed yesterday afternoon for London. She was towed around Race Rocks by the Enterprise. The Prince of Wales has on board a cargo consisting of furs, oil, tallow, wool, gold, silver, etc., valued at \$175,000. The furs alone on board are worth \$140,000; gold dust, \$6,000; silver coin, \$6,000.

THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET MATCH.—The British Columbia Eleven will be selected from the following names: C. E. Pooley, T. Tye, J. Wilson, H. P. Walker, M. W. T. Drake, O. Good, J. Barnett, J. T. Howard, J. Ball, W. Powell, J. L. Fisher, G. Hemmingsway, H. Richardson. The scorer will be Hon. A. T. Bushby, Postmaster General.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.—The only business of interest transacted on Tuesday night was the passage of a resolution cautioning the party who fired the rubbish in Billingsgate alley, on Saturday, not to repeat the offence.

RETURN MATCH.—The return match of cricket between the Victoria and Navy Eleventh will be played to-day; wickets will be pitched at 11 o'clock. The match will prove highly interesting.

A. GILMORE, Tailor, wishes to inform his friends and the public that he is selling off the balance of his winter stock at cost to make room for spring goods.

PROFUSION DINNER.—His Excellency the Governor entertained the members of the Legislative Council at dinner last evening. The attendance comprising all the Councilors in town.

We learn that Mayor Trimble has decided to divide the sum of money placed in his hands by the Naval Amateurs equally between the Royal Hospital and the Sisters of St. Ann.

FELL'S COFFEE has become the favorite Colonial beverage, and is to be found on every breakfast table from Victoria to the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

The steamer Emily Harris, Capt. Greenwood, sailed at noon yesterday for Nainaimo. She will bring down a cargo of coal for the Hudson Bay Company.

The new Presbyterian Church (Rev. Mr. Somerville) will be opened for divine service on Sunday, the 4th of April.

PANDORA STREET, as far East as Cook, will be macadamized immediately by the Corporation workmen.

The steamer Constantine sailed yesterday afternoon from Nainaimo for Sitka.

The tug-boat Verina arrived from the Sound yesterday.

Secret Assassinations.

THE MYSTERIOUS AIR-GUN—THE SILENT BULLET—ARE THE SECRET ASSASSIN THIEVES OR MANIACS?

(From the New York Sun.)

Over a year ago at 1 o'clock in the morning, a Brooklyn police officer was carelessly sauntering down his usual beat when he observed a man partly hidden behind a tree on the opposite side of the street. The officer stopped and carefully observed the man's movements. In a few moments a man was observed coming up the sidewalk opposite. The man behind the tree stepped from his place of concealment and walked down the street to meet the stranger, the police officer still closely watching him. When the suspicious person was within twenty feet of the stranger, the stranger suddenly slipped his forehead with his right hand, and fell to the pavement—a dead man. His murderer began to rifle his pockets. The officer hastened to the spot, but the assassin saw him and fled.

The officer pursued him. The chase was hot. Around corners, across half-paved streets, through slums and alleys, over high board fences and beneath flickering gas-lights, the murderer fled, but a keen-eyed hunter was on his track. He was captured. On his line of flight an air gun of a peculiar construction was found. It had done its deadly work silently and effectually. It was of simple mechanism and could hardly be considered a marvel of mechanical skill.

The assassin proved to be one Skidmore, a discharged policeman. In his house evidence was found which proved that he had been engaged for several years in the nefarious schemes of burglary and murder. Brooklyn was thrown into a state of nervous excitement. Every undiscovered murder was thrown on the shoulders of Skidmore. He was even accused of being responsible for the profound mysterious "East River mysteries," where a man's head, pierced with two bullets and wrapped in a piece of oil silk was found floating in a Brooklyn dock the thighs and legs similarly wrapped being afterwards picked up near Gowanus.

On his arrest Skidmore became as silent as a jungled tiger. Crowds of citizens warmed to look at him, and loud whispers of lynch law floated about his ears. He kept up a bold front, but occasionally a twinge was visible on his countenance as he listened to the positive evidence before the Coroner. The crowd surged about him and gazed at him as at one of the trapped anthropophagi. The air-gun was regarded with the greatest curiosity, and those inspecting it handled it with circumspection, fearing that a silent bullet was only awaiting a signal to add another to its roll of victims.

The Coroner's jury found Skidmore guilty of the murder, and the Grand Jury brought in a true bill of indictment against him. Back to his cell went the murderer, with scarcely a ray of hope in his heart. The popular excitement did not abate. His trial was demanded. His lawyers could not obtain a postponement. The trial came on; the evidence was overwhelming; the people thronged the court-room; Skidmore's defiant front failed him at last, and at length, in despair, he cut his throat in his cell, and escaped the gibbet.

We do not know what became of the air-gun, but we do know that for weeks afterwards many of the citizens of Brooklyn never dared go from their houses at night for fear of a silent straggling bullet.

Again we have accounts of shooting with the air gun—this time in New York. A week or two ago we had to announce the serious injury by a pistol shot of a young man walking at midday on the corner of Broadway and Canal street. The cause was a mystery which was never explained. On Tuesday afternoon, in two diverse localities, there occurred circumstances fortunately less injurious in their effect, but hardly less mysterious in their nature, which seem to point with equal assurance to that diabolical agent, an air gun. Two bullets in quick succession crashed through the windows of a grocery at the intersection of Bowery and Bond streets. With as little warning a pistol bullet entered through the plate-glass doorway of 310 Broadway with dangerous force. A young man employed in Chittenden's dry goods store was walking down Broadway, Wednesday afternoon, and felt something hit his arm. On arriving at the store he found that he had been shot through the arm by a bullet, which had lodged and remained in his side. Where the bullet came from, who fired it, or for what—all these points remain a secret. On Monday an air-gun bullet was fired through a pawnbroker's window, in Centre street. On the same evening one of these silent messengers of death came through a window in the Sun's editorial rooms, and one evening last week two bullet holes were found in the panes in Mr. Thomas Hitchcock's residence, at 8 East Twenty-ninth street.

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A Man Tied to a Ringbolt in his Office and Robbed in Broad Day.

(From the Boston Transcript of Feb. 2nd.)

A queer robbery is reported to have been committed upon David C. Sisson, Treasurer of Post 15, Grand Army of the Republic, yesterday. Sisson's story is substantially as follows: He had just entered his office in the headquarters of the Post, in the third story of the building at the corner of Lucas and Washington streets, at 11 A.M., when a woman, who had evidently followed him up the staircase, accosted him, and in the manner usual with applicants for relief asked for aid. After hearing her story Sisson concluded that her case did not come under his cognizance as Treasurer of the Post and informed her that he could not aid her. As she went out he requested her to shut the door, which fastened with a dead latch. Whether the woman shut the door or not Sisson says he was too busy to notice; but in less than five minutes he was seized from behind around the neck by the strong hands of a man who had entered unperceived, with the remark, in a subdued tone, "I've got you." The Treasurer says he resisted as best he could, but was so choked that he could not utter a cry until dragged to a ring-bolt in the ante-room, where, placing a revolver at his head, the assailant told him that it was made a noise he would "put his light out." The man then produced a rope about the size of a small clothes-line and secured Sisson by the neck to the bolt. He then went to a small box wherein the Treasurer was in the habit of keeping the Post's funds, and after examining several envelopes in which the different moneys were enclosed, obtained about \$400 dollars, which he pocketed. He then returned to his prisoner and took from the latter's pantaloons pocket a wallet containing his private funds and other valuables, amounting in the aggregate to about \$200, and deliberately left, with the remark, as if addressed to an accomplice in the entry—"Well, Pete, shall we meet in the same place to-night?" Though the robber had once before, during the operation, spoken as though some one was within hearing, Sisson says he heard no response nor footsteps and saw no other person. He was left in the position above described, with his head so near the floor and the rope so tight around his neck that he could make but very little noise. In this position he was compelled to stay for more than an hour, not having been able to make himself heard by people on the ground floor; and finally released himself by persistently gnawing at the rope, which at last parted. The affair has been placed in the hands of detectives, State and city, who are engaged in "considering" it. Sisson thinks that he should be able to fully identify his assailant.

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